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one nonpartisan.

Socialist Victory!

ICTORY has come to the people of Dayton, Ohio, thru the Socialist triumph, in an hour when it was most need-

This is the way the Miami Valley Socialist, mouthpiece of the Dayton, Ohio, Socialits, sums up the magnificent victory of our forces in last week's elections in this forward-looking, aspiring municipality. It continues:

"Altho the highest 'nonpartisan' candidate was 1,526 votes below the lowest Socialist. there was great rejoicing in the camp of the enemy. They consider themselves lucky to be on earth. It was an open contest of the people against the money power and the people won.

"It is estimated that the nonpartisan political machine spent \$50,000 to get half the votes the Socialists received with an expense not to exceed \$200."

CLEAN SWEEP FOR 1918.

THIS inspiring Socialist achievement is the basis for the rallying cry, "FOR A CLEAN SWEEP IN 1918" now being raised by the national Socialist Party in an appeal for action sent to all state and local secretaries. Here it is:

Chicago, Illinois August 20, 1917. Dear Comrade:-

The capitalists' press said very little about the Dayton, Ohio, primary election. The result was displeasing to the daily news factory.

Here is what happened. A primary election for the nomination of candidates for commissioners was held in Dayton. The Socialists made their fight on a peace program and against the loot the 'respectable patriots' were annexing as a result of their 'interest' in municipal affairs. The result was that our comrades polled an average vote of 9,974, while the combined opposition polled an average of 10,530 votes, or only 756 votes more than the Socialists.

The highest Socialist candidate (Willard Barringer) received only 561 votes less than the two highest opponents combined. In other words, the highest Socialist candidate received 11,032 votes, while the highest 'nonpartisan' and the highest democrat combined received 11,593

E. Geisler) had 9,293 votes, while the combined vote of the next highest 'nonpartisan' and democrat was 10,635.

The next highest Socialist candidate (Charles

The vote cast for the lowest Socialist candidate (Daniel P. Farrell) was 8,998, while the democrat was 9,360.

This is a fair sample of the popular sentiment thruout the country. The capitalist class is putting every atom of strength into motion to turn the tide of public opinion against our program. Our meetings are being interfered with, our papers are being suppressed, all in order to cut off the means of communication so the people will be at the complete mercy of the pro-war

We cannot afford to surrender to such a condition. We must act and act at once. Every member must be impressed with the seriousness of the times.

There will be municipal elections in many states this fall and next spring. They will be bitterly contested. We must prepare for them now. In the fall of 1918, we will have the most historic congressional elections that this nation has ever witnessed. We must prepare for them NOW. If our public meetings are suppressed. we must carry on individual organization work. Organization is the key to our success.

Every member of the party must appoint him-self a recruiting officer. The recruiting must go on every day. If it cannot be done on the street corner or at mass meetings, it can be done with equal force in the shop, among neighbors and friends. In writing to locals, branches and in-dividual comrades, impress upon them that these are recruiting days, and it is our opportunity and our duty to make the nation safe for democracy. FORWARD, FOR A CLEAN SWEEP IN 1918!

* * * * VOTE RESULT IN DETAIL.

IT WAS first reported that the Socialist candidates had received more votes than all the other candidates combined. Later reports indicate that this was slightly exaggerated. The result of the election was as follows:

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SOCIALISTS	
Willard Barringer	1,017
Chas. E. Geisler	9.242
Daniel P. Farrell	8,949
NON-PARTISAN	
Jesse M. Switzer	7,423
Geo. W. Shroyer	6.767
A. I. Mendenhall	6,448
DEMOCRATS	
Geo. P. Huffman	3,881
Geo. F. Kem	3,508
J. A. Oswald	2,781
INDEPENDENT	•
Herbert E. Kelley	574
J. C. Kennel	556
T. R. Jones	430
F I Nurrenbrock	277

Dayton is one of the big cities of Ohio, situated half way between Cincinnati and Columbus. In 1910 it had a population of 116,577. One of the most widely known manufacturing establishments of the city is the National Cash Register Co., known as the cash register trust, which the government has

established in 1796, more than 120 years ago. In 1900 it had only 10,053 foreign born residents.

"The campaign to elect the three Socialist commissioners will be the best test of the minds of the American people ever staged in Dayton", declares the Miami Valley Socialist. "Dayton is a fairly representative American city. Right is on our side and money on the other. There will probably be \$100,000 spent in an effort to save the city for the profit takers. Every conceivable means of deception will

be employed to discredit the Socialist candidates.
"Three daily papers will be belching forth their foul charges that the Socialists are not good citizens. But the people will have a chance to prove their ability to keep their heads and do their own thinking in November."

* * * * PEOPLE FILED THEIR PROTEST.

THE PAPERS and spokesmen of the Democratic party explain their small vote on the grounds "of the unsettled condition of public opinion caused by the war" and say that the people took "this oppor-tunity to file a protest against the party that hap-

pens to be in power thruout the nation.' This means that the election was something more than merely a municipal one. It was the first political notice served on the Democratic administration that the war and conscription are decidedly not popular with the people and that the things that the Socialists stand for are popular.

The Dayton Daily News, the organ of the owning, employing class, has this to say about the election: "It was a notable triumph for the Socialists. They seem, in fact to have left very little glory to any

The Socialists announced in their platform that they favored a complete overthrow of the govern-ment, and on this issue they have approximately as many votes as all the others combined.

"World events gave the Socialist spellbinder a decided street corner advantage, and as we very frankly stated the present regime was not popular with the great mass of the voters.

"The News reaffirms its position that a combined fight should be made against the Socialists. It will require every ounce of opposition strength to defeat

The American Socialist's Dayton correspondent writes that against the Socialists were arrayed three capitalist dailies, the wealth of the National Cash Register Company's president, John H. Patterson, and the pulpits of the city. On our side there was only the Miami Valley Socialist and the street corner

OHIO'S GOVERNOR FILES EXCUSE. JAMES M. COX, governor of Ohio, who lives in Dayton and is the inspiration for the local democratic forces, has joined those who are trying to belittle the Socialist victory by claiming it was due-

entirely to local conditions. While the Socialists were able to meet and overcome the opposition on national and international issues, they were also more than equal to the old party candidates on local issues.

The principal lines of local Socialist attack were

tried to break on several occasions. The city was | directed against the Dayton street railway lines, the | outgrowth of the old chamber of commerce. The citice trust, the gas trust, and a city administration dominated by big business.

The party platform protests against herding of workingmen and women into crowded street cars and charging a flat 5 cent fare in order that a cor-poration in Philadelphia may draw fat dividends. The Socialists want a full seat for every fare paid or an effort will be made to take away the franchise, or failing in that, to establish a municipal bus line.

SCORES ICE MONOPOLY.

IT PROTESTS against a monopoly in control of the ice output which forces prices above the reach of the poor and offers the people a chance to es tablish a municipal ice plant at which the product would be sold at cost. It protests against the gas trust which has jammed

thru a raise of 4 cents per thousand feet.

It protests against the governing of the city by an alleged Citizens' committee which has not so much as discussed the thousands of abuses which the people have endured at the hands of organized pro-

fiteers, let alone take action against them.

It proposes to rid the city of the burden of extra-vagance and to prove that the city can be run on its income without juggling funds.

It proposes a municipal light plant, to furnish

light and current at a fair price.

YEARS OF HARD WORK. • BACK of the clean sweep made by the Dayton Socialists lies a story of four years of hard, uphill fighting by the local comrades against overwhelming

At the last election the margin of victory was so close that the Socialist candidates were counted out thru the machinations and chicanery of local power-ful interests. This time, however, the vote was so tremendous that even the capitalist papers had to

admit that the Socialists scored a notable triumph.

The victory was one of the most remarkable ever won by a political party in an American city. The much-advertised Dayton plan of city government had carefully provided for the elimination of Socialist candidates at the primaries. The so-called non-partisan charter allows the nomination of not more than dayle the number of city commissioners to be double the number of city commissioners to lected.

There is no city council in Dayton. Five city com-

missioners constitute the executive board. They choose a city manager, who is chief executive. At the time the charter was written the Socialist vote was not large enough to nominate their candidates. Thus big business was able to rid the city government of the two Socialists from Socialist wards. All commissioners were elected at large.

The elements backing the new plan of city government overestimated the strength of the Socialists four years ago. In their anxiety to protect the special interests they concluded that it would be possible to wipe out the Socialist vote by declaring the city planting nonpertises. elections nonpartisan. The same elements proceeded at once to organize

a partisan machine. The new political party was called the citizens' committee, and was backed by the Greater Dayton association. The G. D. A. is the

izens' committee was started by the old chamber of commerce ,and includes only a carefully selected membership. A great cry of nonpartisanship was the slogan of the newly-organized forces. They were swept into power.

The new city officials were not long in office before they learned that men who declared themselves to be nonpartisan still had political notions. At the end of two years two commissioners were to be elected. The nonpartisans came out with their candidates, likewise the Democrats and Socialists. There were four nominated, two Democrats, one Socialist and

SOCIALIST COUNTED OUT.

AT THE election one of the Democrats led the field. Willard Barringer, Socialist, was declared elected over the nonpartisan candidate by two votes. The next day he was counted out by eight votes. The city charter made it necessary for the Socialist to go to the city commission, of which the questionably elected candidate was a member, to ask for a recount. The candidate was able to dony the people the right to question his election.

The matter was taken to court. But as Dayton operates under the home rule provisions of the state constitution the decision of the city commission was declared to be final. The people were enraged. They believed they had been cheated out of representation in city affairs. Last Tuesday Barringer ran 3703 votes ahead of his nearest opponent. The lowest Socialist was 1,594 votes ahead of the highest opponent. The total Socialist vote was nearly equal to the combined vote of the Democrats and nonpartisans. The Democratic candidates were all eliminated. The final contest is now between the three nonpartisan and three Socialist candidates. The nonpartisan candi-dates to win must carry all of the Democratic votes. * * * *

TRICKERY OF OLD PARTIES.

THIS is where the joker comes in. As there were but six to be nominated at the primaries, the business interests could not allow a chance to defeat the Socialists at the polls to pass. If there had not been three organized tickets the Socialists would have been nominated unopposed. So the G. D. A. ran two tickets, the nonpartisan and Democratic.

In their efforts to attract attention and over-shadow the Socialists a bitter fight developed between the sham-battlers. The leaders have now joined hands, but the rank and file do not intend to forget. The Socialists are going to add the Democratic vote to their tremendous majority. The campaign was the most unscrupulous ever conducted in Dayton. The city officials have persisted in pursuing a policy of extravagance and blundering. The three daily papers have buzzed with brags of efficiency, while evidence of incapacity has presented itself every-

All the campaign plans of the old parties have failed. All that is left for them is to shout patriotism while they brag themselves out of office and the Socialists win a greater victory at the final election in November.

Hardwick Of Georgia Starts Fight In U. S. Senate To Expose Post Office Conspiracy Against American Socialist

By JULIAN PIERCE Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Senator Hardwick, of Georgia, has introfurnish the Senate with full ment to the Senate: information regarding the Post Office Department conspiracy by which Burleson and Lamar are attempting to kill the Socialist movement in the United States by excluding from the mails Socialist and radical papers, like The American Socialist, and then making use of technicalities discovered in the postal laws to deprive the papers of their second class mailing privilege.

of the free," said Senator Hardwick, in commenting upon the Burleson—Lamar conspiracy the attention of the Senate, in ernment appealed to the circuit gularly thru the mails, and they against the Socialist papers, has happened in respect to that in Vermont and that judge I fall back on another provision "and if freedom of the press and freedom of speech are not public, the Senate of the United that publication carried four judical code authorizing it, susto become mockeries in this Re-States or the Congress of the cartoons representing its views pended the operation of the United States can not afford to on the pending public questions mandatory injunction. countenance any such proceed- of gravest importance and mo-

wick's resolution: HARDWICK'S RESOLUTION.

RESOLVED, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, requested and directed, if not incompatible with the public interest, to furnish to the Senate the following information:

First.-Whether or not, since the passage of the so-called espionage law, any newspaper, magazine, or other publications have been excluded from the mails or denied second-class mailmatter privileges under the provisions of said act or otherwise.

Second.—If so, the names and post offices of entry of such publi-

Third.—The particular provisions of the law which the depart-ment claims to have been violated

by such publications. Fourth.—In what matter, specifically and particularly, the department claims such law has been violated by such publications, and by each of them.

In support of his resolution duced a resolution in the United and the desirability of its States Senate demanding that prompt passage, Senator Hard-erence to the merits or demerits Postmaster General Burleson wick made the following state- of the views and cartoons as

Hits Arbitrary Proceeding.

most revolutionary in its type even if they did not concur tion—from the mails," conand in its sentiment. I am not therein. prepared to either indorse or ond class mailing privilege. condemn many of the things mandatory injunction against that publication contains, but the Post Office Department. at the same time I want to direct Following that decision the Govthe attention of the Senate, in ernment appealed to the circuit has happened in respect to that in Vermont, and that judge, I publication.

articles with respect to its views

before the United States judge of the southern district of New KNOW HOW ELSE TO PUT tion is accurate, and I have therefore York. That injunction came on IT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT presented this resolution. to be heard and the presiding judge decided that without refthey were merely a free expression of opinion as to govwhich it seems to me that the country and its citizens con- Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. mittee report the resolution adversely. position of the department is tinued to possess the right of "I did not quite catch it." thoroly indefensible. There is free speech no one had the right a publication in New York call- to deny the right of this publi- has now excluded the Masses ed the Masses, a magazine al- cation to express these views that is the name of the publica-

"Therefore the court issued a think his name was Judge

ing as this or fail to condemn ment. It had three or four history of what happened in a gularly, is because the Post preliminary way. But now Office Department would not let Following is Senator Hard- on those same questions, one comes the remarkable part of it do it. particularly assailing the Presi-it. Since all that has happened dent of the United States for the Post Office Department has cited about this matter. Personhis inconsistency in respect to issued an order suspending the ally I have a very warm regard certain views which he now en- use of the mails as second-class for the Postmaster General. A tertains and certain positions mail to this publication because friendship of years that I prize that he now occupies, and com- it has not been issued and pub- very highly exists between us. paring previous utterances of lished regularly. In other words, "I do not know to what extent the President with his present the Post Office Department, he has had anything to do with utterances and his present posi-among other things—it may this matter or even if he knows On that account and for that seems to be the principal one—if this is to remain the land of reason, acting under certain first denied the use of the mails the free and if freedom of the provisions of the espionage law to this publication and finally, press and freedom of speech are which it was alleged were ap- when held up in the courts with not to become mockeries in this plicable to the case, the Post the only decision that has been Republic the Senate of the Uni-Office Department denied this so far had against them, turned ted States or the Congress of publication the use of the mails, to another provision of law and the United States can not afford and denied it entry as second-said to the publisher, "Well, you to countenance any such proclass mail matter. The publisher can not continue to use the ceeding as this or fail to consued out a mandatory injunction mails because you have not been demn it.

IS TOO ARBITRARY A PRO-CEEDING TO BE COUNTE-NANCED IN THIS COUNTRY OF FREE SPEECH."

KNOX DIDN'T HEAR. "I should like to have the London's resolution was referred to Senator from Georgia restate the House Committee on Post Offices "I wish to instance one case ernmental policy, and that as the position taken by the Post that has recently occurred in long as this remained a free Office Department," interrupted

"The Post Office Department

tinued Hardwick, "and denied it second class mailing privileges because the Department held that during the recent months, while this litigation was pending, it had not been going reof the law which denies secondclass privileges to publications "Within the last few months Hough, under a provision of the that do not issue regularly and go thru the mails regularly. altho the only reason the Masses has not issued regularly, and "Of course, that is just the has not gone thru the mails re-

"Mr. President, I am not ex-

have other contentions, but this exactly what has been done, but

going regularly thru the "So I say at the proper time, mails at the time you were pre-as soon as I can do it under the rules, I expect to ask the Senate to call on the Post Office Department for in-"IF THAT IS NOT TAKING ters so that it may be seen exactly ADVANTAGE OF YOUR OWN to what extent my information about OWN WRONG I DO NOT this matter and matters of a similar kind is accurate. I think my informa-

Like London's Resolution.

Senator Hardwick's resolution similar to the resolution introduced in the House of Representatives on July 10, by Meyer London, Socialist Representative from New York City.

and Post Roads. Postmaster General Burleson addressed a communication to the committee urging that the com-Burleson claimed that any information illustrative of the secret service methods by which Censor-in-Chief William H. Lamar guillotines Socialist papers interest.

The House committee, acting as rubber-stamp statesmen, acted in accordance with Burleson's orders and will be patient. presented an adverse report to

Senate More Liberal.

Since then Representative London has made several attempts to get his resolution before the House by unanimous consent, which is the parliamentary device by which an adversely reported resolution may be brought before the House. At each attempt some sychophantic detester of liberty of the press and hater of Socialist social and economic ideas has objected to Londons' unanimous consent request.

We are doing our best, thru our representatives in Washington, to get action on our application for another second class mailng permit from the post office department. Our application was duly made out and, accompanied by sev-

eral copies of the issue of Saturday, August 18, was speeded on its way to Washington, D. C., Wednesday afternoon, August 15th. It should have reached Washington, D. C., Thursday night and appeared at the post office department, bright and early Fri-

day morning ready for its reception at the hands of Solicitor General William H. Lamar (the censor) and Third Assistant Postmaster General Dockery, whose department passes on second class mailing applications. Our representatives were on the job Friday morning but were

told that The American Socialist's application had not yet arrived. Of course, we cannot make affidavit to the contrary, but we have our suspicions. Saturday, it was reported that Lamar and Dockery were

out of town and that no action could be taken until they returnwould be incompatible with the public ed, which would not be until Wednesday, August 22. This delay is causing us considerable inconvenience and if

our readers do not get their paper thru the mails we hope they The magnificent response to our appeal for a FREE PRESS DEFENSE FUND has put a new fighting spirit into our blood.

We know that everyone of our readers is going to see this fight thru. We are going to win. No power on earth can stop us from coming out victorious in our struggle with the autocratic powers now in control of the post office.

It is unnecessary to repeat that we need funds to stay in this fight and win a glorious victory. This is your fight. It is going to be your victory. You are going to help by rushing in your contribution NOW-

Here is a blank to save you the trouble of writing a letter.

To Help Stick In The Fight And Win!

The American Socialist, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Illinois.

Enclosed please find \$..... as my response to your appeal for hurryup action in the present crisis. I want to see The American Socialist get back its second class mailing privilege as quickly as possible.

With best wishes,

Name
Name

Say Denial Of Passports

By CYRIL BROWN.

to the entente governments, giving Broadway, New York City, shows that their challenge an extra fling toward with the affiliation of organized labor America, for refusing passports to officials with men as notorious for delegates to the Stockholm convention. Hjalmar Branting, the Swedish Gary, Julius Rosenwald, officers of the Socialist leader, characterizes this lumber trust and the copper syndicates refusal as a "declaration of war upon the defense council, has placed against all preparatory peace work." the 2,000,000 members of the Amerwith Branting in the declaration that tion where they have little if any in-the Socialist Internationale is the fluence against an overwhelming manatural carrier of a peace movement. jority of the employing class. All the leaders are bitterly aroused

that "trouble should be made for the working classes that seek to promote peace by the very nations that professed to be fighting against imper-"Wilson Changes Attitude."

Pieter Zellis Troelstra, the Dutch Socialist leader, defined the standpoint of the promoters of the conference in the following statement: statesmen, Wilson and Kerensky. Wilson declared, before the United Ohio Constitutional Convention in Ohio During this fight, fought against tre-States entered the war, that all belligerent countries should be always

from all countries which, on account of the delegates' international connections, can better come to an un-"People Must Make Start."

hindrances in order to inaugurate peace negotiations. A government which really desires peace and which believes in its own cause ought not Bigelow says:

spirit among the nations has been Democrats there is no hope. made absolutely, a unit for peace.

tion that the peace endeavors originpeated and is now considered silly among the people of Europe, but "Time"

tration. "Another thing, the delay of peace money oligarchy. means the collapse of the Russian

The Workmen's Council for the Maintenance of Labor's Rights has is-Is War On Peace Work sued a statement setting forth the dangers confronting American labor hru the action of officials in the la-(In The Chicago Tribune)
(Copyright: 1917: By Press Publishing Company, New York World.)
STOCKHOLM, August 16. — The Dutch and Scandinavian Socialist italists. The Workmen's Council thru leaders have thrown down the gauntlet its executive committee at 175 East The other leaders are unanimous ican Federation of Labor in a posi-

Bigelow Joins The Party

After all the publicity they gave the few deserters that left the Sothe few deserters that left the So-cialist Party, one might think that the capitalist dailies would at least penditure of taxpayers' money, he is publish a few lines about such a notable addition to our ranks as Herbert show of success) to prevent a recall S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati Ohio, who election. is based on the declarations of two won national prominence for the great

ready to negotiate, but ne changed his attitude after America entered the war. America, the country of the Nocialist Party. It chronicles this cells and graves during industrial disthe war. America, the country of liberty and democracy, denies, now, her own principles by this tyrannic that had Mr. Bigelow given his sup-ted despite the terrorism of gunmen "Often one hears, now, that peace must be made by governments. We do not intend to make peace; we we were do not intend to make peace; we were do not intend to make peace and the make peace are do not intend to make peace; we were do not intend to make peace and the make peace are do not intend to make peace and the make peace are do not intend to make pe want only a representative party tor consoles himself with the reflection the open-shoppers sought to tax he wants to be in the minority.

derstanding than other parties which If we are not mistaken Mr. Bigelow s'and more on a national standpoint. did run for secretary of state in Ohio on the democratic ticket in 1902. He "We want to try to remove perhaps learned a few things about

only approve but welcome such an "I did not leave the Democrats for the previous year were "undesirable

the Socialists because I wanted to be citizens" and that the only way to "To make peace is a matter for the whole people, I read repeatedly, because I want to live in hope of some but then the people must make the day being in the majority. With the start. By continuous war the inciting Socialists I have that hope. With the

ate only in Germany on account of ever broken in Cincinnati it will be blessings of its new gospel imported her weakness has been too often re- by the Socialists and not by the Dem- a flock of Rockefeller gunmen and two

"Times have changed. It is the efamerica apparently believes such rumors still, because she is still fect of the war. The future lies with able-looking Captain Dollar publicly the Socialists. Henceforth there will advised his fellow employers that "the socialists." "It is a fact that these tactics of the American government cannot last party of the few rich people who own the ambulances with union men." The the American government cannot last under any circumstances. We cannot under any circumstances. We cannot will be the Republican party. But it will be the Republican party. But it would make no difference if this party upon and beaten up by the gunmen, but fortunately and but fortunately and called itself. Demogratic. The other but fortunately and out itself. ful way, can endure the responsibility for the latest action of his adminis-

"The war has changed the temper revolution, and in my opinion America should be interested in that."

demand for a timid shuffling party

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Labor Must Win In California!

There's a lull in the San Francisco Trial Of Mrs. Mooney Gompers, sitting upon the National Council of Defense with such men as twelve honest citizens of San Fran-Labor War. That's all! A jury of cisco has acquitted Rena Mooney and public opinion has acquitted her, but the Chamber of Commerce and Perpeople marked out for murder by the union-hating plunderbund that has again disgraced San Francisco, just as the greatest city of the western slope was recovering from the stigma of the infamous graft scandals of a few years ago.

Rena Mooney is NOT free. Tom Mooney has NOT obtained a new trial as vet. Oxman has neither been tried nor punished for his wholesale perfighting desperately (and with some

But Organized Labor of San Fran-1912. mendous odds, the professional jury So far as we know, only one publication, a Cincinnati democratic paper, FRAME-UP system, used to drive so

Year Of Industrial Strife.

After Big Business filled its coffers to overflowing with the profits of exposition year (1915) it resolved to clean out "the criminal unionism" of San Francisco. So 1916 found the city in turmoil. The merchants suddenly discovered that the men who piled up for them their monstrous profits of purify the community was the institution of the "open-shop."

The waterfront men were the first to be forced to strike. In a few weeks six thousand were out. A little later "The Democrats have not elected but the culinary crafts and the musicians Fight Peace in U. S.

"Apparently a campaign against the socialist press has begun now in America to fight peace. The insinuation that the peace endeavors origination to the culmary crafts and the musicians found that they, too, had a fight for existence on hand. The "Law and Order" Committee of the Chamber of Commerce in order to impress the "If the grip of special privilege is citizenry of San Francisco with the striking waterfront pickets were murdered in cold blood; for the vener-

MERCE UKASE FAILED TO INDUCE HARDY TO RUN AN "CPEN-SHOP," HENCE THE DYNAMITE.

the chicanery of political boodle, the ordinance was carried. A few weeks later Rufus Patterson, Chamber of Commerce detective, was caught in a diabolical FRAME-UP after his victim, Rufus Carel, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Carel was caught in an unfair restaurant with two bombs in his pocket, planted by Patterson. Carel was released, Patterson was put in jail, but the ordinance is on the statute book.

Preparedness Day Explosion. In the midst of the industrial warfare came the preparedness parade. The unions rigidly boycotted it and it was a frost. But as the procession started a bomb exploded at the foot of Market street and ten people were killed. As soon as he heard the news Captain Dollar ran to his phone and told his friend Newton Lynch, "This is a great chance for the 'open shop.'" It was, if Big Business could fasten the crime on Organized Labor. They decided on that course and Martin

Swanson, head detective of the public

utilities, was selected to engineer the

Swanson in the course of a few days arrested five people belonging to Organized Labor: Nolan of the Machinists, Weinberg of the Carpenters, Mooney of the Molders, Billings of the Shoe Workers and Rena Mooney, who had helped in the recent street car strike. There was no evidence against them and the "openshoppers" began to manufacture it. A "business man's" jury was selected by the coroner for the inquest on the victims. A "business man's" committee of one hundred got together and howled for the blood of the "anarchists." "The shades of the Vigilantes" were invoked to see that the fair name

Outrages Justice, Is

Mrs. Rena Mooney at San Francisco, jury is going ahead with its lynching Cal., can be too severe according to of a fight can rescue the five working tee representing various women's or-

ordeal. Their verdict is as follows:

"Having sat thru the entire Rena Mooney trial, the third in the series of bomb cases, we are convinced that if justice for the individual and the safety of the republic are to be secured there must be a decided change in the system of our jurisprudence and the methods of its administration.

"This trial developed corrupt prosecution, third degree inquisition of prisoners, continued ruling out of vital testimony and all the forces of the law marshaled against the accused, instead of that 'benefit of the doubt' which the law is supposed to accord a defendant.

"Numerous reliable witnesses. verifying photographs with time and place, made the alibi of the defendants so complete and convincing that the whole trial was superfluous, an outrage of injustice upon the defendants, and an unnecessary burden on the taxpayers.

"The testimony of the principal witnesses for the prosecution was impeached, and their character dis-

"The office of prosecutor, established primarily for justice and the protection of society, was perverted into a weapon of persecution, apparently to further the ends of cor-porate interests—certainly at no time was the slightest disposition shown by the representatives of the law to obtain the truth, which is the basic reason for the establishment of the courts, with their intricate and costly machinery.

"This trial is the greatest outrage of justice of modern times, for even in the Dreyfus case, when the corruption of the prosecution was discovered, the people of France rose in indignation and gave what belated justice was possible to the accused.'

Women's Committee - Jean P Kelloogg, Ella Costello Bennett, Sarah A. Robinson, Florence M. Sully, Stella Worden Smith.

of the city wasn't dishonored. In other save Oxman. words Big Business wanted to lynch preparedness day.

Frame-up Gang At Work.

Remember, three trials have failed judiced judge in California! to show any evidence to justify the will be the party of the masses, determined upon the overthrow of our money oligarchy.

We are fighting a well organized arrest of the men. But there was plenty of money to buy perjurers. The million dollar slush-fund was depended for victory on their econ-million dollar slush-fund was depended of the press, the governorship of Calirevolution, and in my opinion America should be interested in that."

Russians May Attend.

LONDON, Aug. 16.—Russian Socialists will be allowed by the government to attend the Stockholm conference, London has been informed from a semi-official source. A statement received here says that the Russian government considers "the solution of questions affecting war and peace appertains exclusively to it in unison with the allied countries," and that the Stockholm conference is one of particular political parties and as such "cannot lay claim to formulating decisions which bind the government in any way."

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McDonald, was enough for the twelve professional jurors who tried Billings. They obeyed orders, found Billings guilty and held their \$2 a day jobs.

They were also very successful in getting convict friends paroled

The jury in Torn Mospay's cases year.

OUR BEST BOOKS NOVELS

Ragged - Trousered Philanthropists
By Robert Tressall. An Epic of British Labor PRICE, \$1.25.

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By Daniel W. Hoan PRICE, 10 cents. National Office, Socialist Party, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Of Mrs. Mooney

Utrages Justice, Is

Woman Jury's Verdict

lionaire cattleman from Oregon, Frank C. Oxman. "The man who'll put the rope round Mooney's neck," was Fickert's introduction. Oxman told his story of how Mooney and the rest drove in a jitney thru the parade with the home. He was positive the book of the put the parade with the home. No condemnation of the trial of with the bomb. He was positive. Irs. Rena Mooney at San Francisco, Mooney was sentenced to death and the jurymen, who had a financial inprogram and only the strongest kind the statement issued by the committerest in the cracking of Mooney's of a fight can rescue the five working tee representing various women's orneck, jubilated. The dollar sign conquered, tho it dripped blood. But-

The Truth Will Out.

When the bestial gang were starting to jubilate outside Tom Mooney's death cell, the storm burst and Oxman's studious perjury was torn to tatters. Today he stands charged with wholesale subornation of perjury. Ed Rigall, brought from Grayville, Ill., to corroborate the arch-perjurer came to the front and told a sordid tale of perjury, crooked political ambitions and murderous conspiracy. "Help us," said Cunha to Rigall. "If we convict Mooney, Fickert will be governor of California and I'll succeed him as district attorney." And they coached Rigall in his story. They brought him to the scene of the explosion and showed him the spot he was to swear he saw Mooney alight from the jitney. He was to get for his perjury.
"Probably \$200 in the clear," as Oxnan wrote him. Oxman also told Rigall that he was not at the scene of the explosion, tho he deliberately swore that he saw Mooney plant the bomb. When Rigall twitted Fickert one day on the small amount of expense money he was being allowed Fickert said, "We'll probably use you in all the cases and there'll be plenty of money in it for you." But Rigall spurned all their bribes and saved five ves, as well as the honor of Organ-

zed Labor. Fickert tried hard to save Oxman Ten judges refused to dismiss the inlictment. Tho the case wasn't before him for adjudication Chief Justice Angellotti said there was a clear case against the perjurer. Judge Griffin asked the Attorney-General to petition the Supreme Court for a new tria and the official in question has given his consent. His statement to the court is a mere consent to a reversal of the verdict, but steps will, unloubtedly, be taken to make this ef-

Oxman must stand trial. There's no escape for him. Fickert made a deal with the underworld bosses who control the Grand Jury to "whitewash" himself and Oxman. They did so and are reaning an increased revenue from the unfortunate Magdalenes of the city. But the "whitewashing" didn't

Efforts are being made to secure ar the men after cultivating a hysteria honest prosecution. As it is, he will of hatred and thought it could scare seemingly, be prosecuted by Fickert away union support by dubbing its before Judge Dunne, who has already victims anarchists. Then they could declared the "honest cattleman" inrush thru their "open shop" program nocent and the defense attorney's a on the plea that unionism was bunch of cowardly blackguards. What responsible for the terrible crime of a triangle of murderous industria prejudice-the perjurer, the head of the perjury plot and the most pre-

What We Are Fighting.

omic strength and today their condi-tions are improved. Of course the imaginative press agents of the bought like so many pounds of bacon houses of the legislature by a big

The culinary crafts had a bitter fight. They did well until a series of restaurants were visited by "stink bombers." Immediately the "law and bombers." Immediately the "law and different. Instead of twelve seniles, we low, named A. B. Shaw, summoned the strength of the same of the order" committee began to wail about the evils of picketing. It impeded the "industrial progress" of the town and stand and told new stories. The jury
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Similarly Wm. P. Waldron, Chamber of Commerce real estate, sought to get on the jury that tried Rena Mooney. The prosecution was alarmed at the fine type of men already on the jury. "We must get a plant on," was the slogan. Waldron fought hard. He tried to conceal his affiliations and professed impartiality. He lost and right there the prosecution lost all chance of a "hung jury." This will give the public an idea of the corrupt gang of officials who are railroading and hanging the workers of Golden California in preparation for the "open-shop" and its ally, King Hun-

We Must Win The Fight, Else-This fight must be won. It's a national fight. It's Labor's fight. Frederick J. Koster, the president of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, and the real leader of our op-ponents, has constituted himself the gang-leader of the anti-labor forces of America.

"We must build an organization to cope with the American Federation of Labor," says Koster.

The Big Business thugs of the Pacific Coast see a chance to build that organization "to cope with the American Federation of Labor" over the corpses of the five victims plucked out of the ranks of the Organized Labor movement of San Francisco.

berg, secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, the Organized Labor movement of America is solidly

labor press, in denouncing the FRAME-UP.

We must defeat that policy. must have your support. If not then the open-shop thugs will yet crucify

The sun of victory can be seen on America realizes the significance of the fight.

may be the next victim. This must not be. Help us win the

A glorious victory is in sight! Help us realize it by rushing funds at once to Henry Hagelstein, Secretary-Treasurer International Workers' Defense

League, 210 Russ Bldg., San Francisco. Cal.

behind the boys and Rena Mooney.
Labor knows they're innocent.
Public opinion knows it. Publications like the New York Evening Post, the San Francisco Bulletin, the New York pany.

San Francisco Bulletin, the New York pany.

This is how the newspaper at-Republic are unanimous, with the tempts to make the public forget its

The San Francisco Chamber of who dares oppose them must be imprisoned as a matter of public policy. That's the situation in San Francisco.

their five victims. Are you with us? Victory In Sight.

If the organized labor movement with its five brothers and sister strangled on the gibbet erected for them by Koster and Fickert, then you

Let us prove to our enemies that Organized Labor will not allow Organized Greed to pick out the fighters of labor and crucify them, not because

Are Women Delighted?

One of the "leading" Philadelphia One of the leading newspapers prints a first-page story, embellished with large pictures, of 200 women employed in the machine like the New York Evening Post, the shops of the General Electric com-

> former preachments that "women's place is in the home."
> "Already pretty girls and capable

Commerce announced, thru its puppet matrons are at work on the spacious prosecutor whilst Rena Mooney was floors of the General Electric comon trial, that any labor man or woman pany, operating lathes running the drill punches with a will, all of them neat and trim in the new masculine uniforms, all feminine in spite of the

trousered legs.
"Blue chambray is the chosen material; little Dutch caps keep back flying hair from the whirring wheels; white feet and ankles showing beneath the full gathered trousers comthe horizon. It looks as if we can win plete the effect of the woman 'there IF every union man and woman in for business,' but still very much a

Company officials are quoted If the organized labor movement of San Francisco goes down in defeat entirely, "except for such machine with its five brothers and sister work that is too heavy for any ex-

cept a man."
It is intended that the public will accept new conditions because the women are pictured as being "perreatest labor fight of the century. Help us carry out the idea expressed by the NEW YORK GLOBE when it said, "Public officers who do not play fair in class collisions should be put in settings."

women are pictured as being perfectly delighted with their new overalls. This uniform, the newspaper assures us, "retains woman's femininity" in the greasy, thunderous machine shop.

> Michigan coal barons have told Michigan's governor that the cost of fuel is none of the governor's business, meaning no doubt that the people have no right to know how they are being robbed. We shall see.

Five thousand men and women of organized labor paraded the streets of any criminality, but because of the striking street carmen.

LABOR MOVEMENT—NO MOVEMENT

(By William Hard in The New Republic) A man acquainted with foreign industrial and political affairs who will spend three months in Washington meeting business men coming on war business to the national capital from all parts of the United States would find it difficult not to conclude that American business men, all in all, are the most reactionary class of industrial rulers in the civilized world. For an astonishing number of them the whole labor movement, which has given us trade union governments in the Antipodes and cabinets speckled with Socialists in virtually every free country in Europe, is not a movement at all. It is nothing but a "trouble." The very same thing that is shaking Russia, and, therefore, shaking and remaking the world, thrusts a finger in their factories, and they see nothing but a "labor trouble" invented by irrelevant agitators, now presumably always German.

Socialists of Reading, Pa., are placing a full city, county and school ticket in the field.

raul Michelson, Detroit, Mich., Socialist organizer, has been sentenced to a year in the house of correction for failure to register. Michelson according to the sentence of t to a year in the house of correction for failure to register. Michelson conducted his own case.

Whatever upward goes returns,
The adage says, as each one learns,
Without a thought of saying nay,
From Nature's laws, unchanged alway.

Central Local Seattle, Wash., charges all new members 25 cents extra for a subscription to The American Socialist. Eighty new members were Been changed to stay and left us here? Central Local Seattle, Wash., chartaken in during the last month.

dismissed from the General Electric Company because he refused to invest in Liberty bonds.

It is a very easy and simple matter to howl with the popular majority but it takes the stuff of which manbut it made to stand fearless and by righteous means unto the end. erect with the unpopular few, or if need be, alone.

and is running excursions to the beach from the city. New members are flocking into the party. A branch of the People's Council has been organized.

House, 51 to 44. If it had passed, the number of new comrades eagerly unions, farmers' organizations and seek admission.—MATTIE N. ROBother progressive bodies were ready to force it to a referendum. Kate Richards O'Hare, one of the

listment. Bail has been fixed at A burgler broke into the home of Will R. S. Lone, of Nampa, Idaho, and

stole the speech of Kate Richard O'Hare, which had been taken down in shorthand by Lane and transcribed. wenty-five dollars was offered him for a copy, which he refused. The half million Lithuanians of the Magdeburg (Germany), plant have United States will soon be organized gone on strike as a protest against the

ers' Council, as a wing of the People's Council. Headquarters have been established at 1840 S. Halsted st., Chicago, with A. Lalis in charge. Our socialist brother isn't so far wrong, perhaps, when he says that there is great prosperity and plenty work thruout the land, and everything else to make one happy and

contented, except, possibly, wages enough for the laboring man to live

on.—Mesabe, Minn., Ore. "When an official who is not even elected by the people is able to say what the people shall read, by throwing out of the mails what 'he' does 'not' want them to read, the freedom of the press is not in danger. has already vanished!"—THE NEW YORK CALL.

The Benthany, Mo., Clipper, a Republican organ, emits the following: "To coddle Socialism in legislation is to invite its ultimate demonstration in action. There has already Labor is up and doing. From been too much coddling since the Timothy Healy of the Stationary Fire-Democratic party secured full power men of New York to Civil Service in this country.... Socialism means Commissioner George Tracy, the resistance to government in a form veteran fighter of the San Francisco tantamount to treason." Would it be resistance to government in a form Typographical Union, from the fight- too much to ask the Postoffice Deing Jim Maurer, president of the partment to take cognizance of this Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, to the veteran Paul Scharren-Republican newspaper?

A Mystery

By D. W. LAWRENCE, mystery is in the air

Richard Verhagen, former city assessor of Schenectady, N. Y., has been dismissed from the Consul II.

'Tis sure that men must taller grow, Or scaffold build a mile or so, To reach the stuff they sorely need, And wrest it from the hands of greed.

WATCH US GROW. Our local, Los Angeles, Cal., No. 1 Local Everett, Wash., has leased a in two months has grown from 12 to big bathing beach on Puget Sound 67 members, with hardly any solicitato enlighten the workers on the at-titude of the party on the war, the Washington State Legislature killed voluntary influx of new members will bill to establish military training in continue and grow greater. In fact, and schools. The bill failed in the at every meeting, an ever increasing

INEAU, secretary. THE CENSOR IS AT WORK. The June 30th issue of The American Socialist was suppressed by W. editors of the Rip-Saw, St. Louis, ican Socialist was suppressed by W. Mo., telegraphs that she has been arrested at Devil's Lake, N. Dak., on the charge of interfering with enfor out of the city had gone out before the censor got busy, but the entire edition of the July issue of The International Socialist Review was suppressed. As Democracy is now in full swing our readers will hereafter have to do considerable reading between lines. — THE ORGANIZED FARMER.

Hundreds of workers in Krupps', nto the American Lithuanian Work- arrest of their officials.



'Kero-Oil" Engines I

WANTED-Farmers, for cooperative farming here, \$300 start. H. SAWDON, ST. ELMO, TENN.

You \$15

to \$200

Oklahoma Farmers In War On Bankers And Landlords

(Special Correspondence.) By IRWIN TUCKER.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—"Every bank in this state is an arsenal. All the clerks are being taught to and are expecting to use the guns in their vaults.'

This was stated to me by an eminent Oklahoma lawyer sitting calmly in an office here in the state

The issue is between the tenant farmers and the bankers and land- and chambers of commerce to suplords. This draft resistance is just an press and dispose of the strong move-excuse for the preliminary outbreak ment which was on the verge of ridof what may prove to be a revolu-

speaking, a judge who as a democrat state. But they are overplaying their hand. many years, and who was a delegate to the Baltimore convention of the democratic party that nominated Woodrow Wilson.

the farmers in this state. A few

they're on the trail too late." This was said by a former minister function between elections.

Settle Old Grudges. Here you have the elements of a ernment to break into flame. The riots" in Seminole, Pontotoc and Pottawatomie counties resulted in two old grudges were settled in the process. These "riots" were mere

In the state penitentiary at Mc-Allester in the death cell, which is only thirty inches wide and less than seven feet long sits "Good-Eye Huck," otherwise Hon. Albert Huckleberry, a one-eyed tenant farmer who was for two years county commissioner of Seminole County. During his term of office he uncovered grafts, swindlings and thievery on the part of the democratic machine politicians who the county offices hitherto. disappeared.

Sees Good With One Eye.

"He sees more with his good eye than anybody else does with both," is the common saying that gave him his nickname. evidence sufficient to convict, after a outrageous extortion. ed, and are now out on bond.

The start of the trouble in these counties began with the swearing in of deputy sheriffs and sending them out to arrest the boys who did not were arrested, and old grudges were satisfied by the hauling along of many a Socialist agitator who had exposed the unparalleled rottenness Some have been known to the currency recent, then can be session thirteen hours. There were six or eight violent the session thirteen hours. There were six or eight violent threats or eight violent threats of violent threats were made against the authorities. The convention hours to make the session thirteen hours. There were six or eight violent sealed peace meetings have held and sealed peace meetings have held and searched men for registration cards. Those unable to produce them they the authorities. The convention hours to make the search and sailors at many solution was in session thirteen hours.

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There were six or eight violent searched men for registration cards. Those unable to produce them they are also at the foreign and sailors at many solution. and corruption in democratic Oklaho- 100 per cent-for one month! ma—on the ground that they were

OUR BOOK SHOP.

Socialism For The Farmer; by scar Ameringer. Price 10 cents. (Admirable for getting farmers into the Socialist Party.)

General Bankruptcy or Socialism by Lucien Sanial. Price 5 cents prophecy of the conditions which now confront us, written just prior to the outbreak of the war.)

Public Ownership of Railways by Carl D. Thompson. Price 10 cts An illuminating discussion of the big problem now confronting the American people.)

National Office, Socialist Party 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.

Send all replies to

ist pennants—"Workers of the World Unite," which it proclaims is the "only one known to be in the state—
in the house of one of those arrested for suspected friendliness with the

draft resisters. Thus the natural opposition to the enforcement of the draft law in a state which was overwhelmingly Socialist in feeling, but which went for keep us out of war, is being taken advantage of by bankers and landlords ment which was on the verge of ridding the tenant farmers of Oklahoma of the worst and most outrageous

Organize Into W. C. U.

The "Working Class Union," of which so much is being written and "Since three months ago, I estimate said, was organized in this state two that sixty thousand modern high years ago-long before the draft was powered rifles have been purchased by ever thought of. It is an organization of tenant farmers for mutual redrayloads have been captured, but lief. It was formed to meet a special need. The Socialist Party cannot who has been touring the state with a Chautauqua company.

Sattle Old Grudges.

W. W. is not open to tenant farmers—only to wage laborers. Hence came the Working Class Union composed of tenant farmers. Starting in Van Buren, Ark.. it has spread over Arkansas, Oklahoma and north Texas, situation that only waits for a show of force by the United States Govand has some strength in Kansas and and has some strength in Kansas and and has some strength in Kansas and all officers who would seek to arrest ter conditions or hours of labor in

ural states where tenancy is common.

MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED would dynamite railroad bridges, etc. the arrest of a few old men and young BANKS IN THE STATE OF OKLAtwo old grudges were settled in the process. These "riots" were mere W. C. U. TO PAY BACK USURIOUS by the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the Government as being "on by the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the Government as being "on by the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the Government as being "on by the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the Government as being "on by the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by Frank Walsh in his report to the control of the type spoken of by F

> BY THIS UNION OF TENANT practically every man indicted was a full service solely because he went on FARMERS TO RAISE THE RATES Socialist, although the organization is the bonds of three old friends charged at more than the solely sol AND LOWER THE RENT.

Hence the animosity between the "respectable citizens" and the W. C. U. The plea of "resistance to the

Hundreds of thousands of dollars had disappeared.

Acting on the strength of the strength of whom are bourbon democratic out warrant, their private papers undisappeared.

Texas politicians who have used the lawfully seized and the opportunity held and take every one prisoner on the ground that he is "opposing the draft," when the actual reason is that These men say the frame up takes of violence on the property of the property of

long hard battle. The governor refused at first to have the accounts of the county audited. After he was won over, the state auditor pleaded that over, the state auditor pleaded that the proper rent they should pay there were not sufficient funds. But there were not sufficient funds. But the proper rent they should pay about and this oath called for the tention of breaking it up; they tore destruction of the government by the proper for a farm. When a tenant farmer was found scabbing they lashed him is forced the investigation and audit which resulted in position and audit which resulted in position are the proper rent they should pay destruction of the government by the position and audit scared him in other ways until he coined in the warned brain of a price for their labor that the rank and file knew nothing ed this parade with the deliberate intention of breaking it up; they tore destruction of the government by violence. The men stoutly assert that they beat and injured men and women; if there is such an oath that it was later they forcibly entered the Social-coined in the warned brain of a price for their labor that the rank and file knew nothing ed this parade with the deliberate intention of breaking it up; they tore destruction of the government by violence. The men stoutly assert that they beat and injured men and women; a few times, burnt his crops, and if there is such an oath that it was later they forcibly entered the Social-coined in the warned brain of a price for the country. forced the investigation and audit which resulted in penitentiary terms being awarded a whole ring of grafters in Seminole County. They appealers in Seminole County. They appealers of the rent, they saw to it that no one would rent his place.

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Hence the landlords are opposed to

Bankers Big Robbers. In this state the legal rate of inexposed the unparalleled rottenness Some have been known to demand

One tenant farmer came to a bank the draft resisters." to borrow sufficient money to cover One of the Oklahoma daily papers makes great capital out of the discovery of one of the common Social-covery of the covery of one of the covery of the covery of the covery of the covery of th in Muskogee county was compelled to give back a farmers mule, which it had seized in payment of usurious

> In McIntosh county, a prominent Socialist lawyer presented to the bank a bill for \$300 usurious interest he had extorted from a client. The banker laughed at him. When the lawyer had left, the banker went over thousand circulation, was suppressed to see the real estate man from whom the tenant farmer rented. Immedi- bitterly attacking the Kaiser and his ately the real estate man hitched up military caste, those men are withhis buggy, drove out to the farmers out a mouthpiece. The six hundred his buggy, drove out to the farmers place, and told him that he would either have to clear off the farm in weekly papers. The six hundred and ten weekly papers thirteen semi-weeklies and forty-eight daily papers ten days or call off that suit. It was published in the state, with the poslate in the season and to leave the sible exception of two Scripps papers, farm then would have meant the loss of a whole year's work, together with all his credit. Besides this, if a ten-without their side of the story having all his credit. Besides this, if a ten-ant farmer is blacklisted by one bank, he cannot get land anywhere else in

that state. So the farmer told the President is Told About lawyer to call off the suit. It was cheaper to pay the usury than to lose

his year's labor.

Nothing Is Done. "The landlord holds the tenant

farmer while the banker robs him, is the way a minister put it to me. The W. C. U. fights this. Hence the bankers oppose the W. C. U. The United States Industrial Rela-

tions Commission proclaimed the land conditions in Texas and Oklahoma to be a disgrace to the nation, cialist in feeling, but which went for to be unparalleled in any civilized Wilson on the promise that he would country. But nothing has been done since that report was rendered.

Battle On To Get Justice For Prosecuted Farmers

By T. A. HICKEY, Staff Corr. SAGERTOWN, Texas.—Intense interest is evinced all over Texas as the date for trial approaches for the fifty-three Socialists and two symfifty-three Socialists and two sym-

Association of America. They were tutionality of conscription. federal grand jury on seven counts, the first two of which charge that indicted last June in Pallas by a they conspired in their local meet- "to speak disrespectfully of the Presi ings and at the state convention of dent or the government of the United the organization held at Cisco, East-land County, West Texas, May 5, States"—the crime of lese majeste-or of circulating any matter which Nebraska, and all the other agriculural states where tenancy is common. all officers who would seek to arrest ter conditions or hours of labor in industrial establishments during the Fifty-one of these fifty-five men are process. Inese Tiots were mere surface indications of what is going to happen—if Uncle Sam does not use all his tact. What is true in Oklahoma is true of Texas, Colorado, Arkansas and Kansas.

In the attraction of Texas were mere with the verge of serfdom." Five hundred the verge of serfdom." Five hundred the verge of serfdom." Five hundred men were subpoenaed before the grand jury, many of whom were subpoenaed before the grand jury, many of whom were afterwards indicted. Strange to say was discharged after years of faith-practically every man indicted was a full service solely because here the practically every man indicted was a full service solely because here the practically every man indicted was a full service solely because here the contained only quotations from the contained only quotations from the men were subpoenaed before the grand jury, many of whom were afterwards indicted. Strange to say was discharged after years of faith-practically every man indicted was a full service solely because the composed of members of the dem- ed with failing to register under the ocratic party in the proportion of ten to one. They are held in bonds vary-ing from \$1,000 to \$20,000.

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these hotheads were actually cold- Men both above and below the regis that secret agents have rented farms, held for hours in many places without worked as day laborers on farms and any charge being leveled against them public works, joined the union, became officers therein and were ever proposing violence. In short the "Texas Crowd" with their usurer connection played the old game hiring the agent provocateur they assert.

One of the worst features of predicament those men are in is that since The Rebel, with its twenty-five while running a series of war articles are as silent as the tomb. These men been told while the government's side has been told again and again and told with such a mass of vicious lies that the average man who knows the inside of the case is staggered by their

amazing audacity. When in Chicago recently I received positive assurance from members the national executive committee that either Clarence Darrow or Seymour Stedman, the famous labor lawyer of Chicago, or possibly both would be sent to Abilene to defend these union workers as they believe that the Texas-Washington frame-up must be smashed or the organized labor movement among agricultural workers will be destroyed for years to come.

WOULD HURRY PEACE MEET. Russian Socialists have placed demands before their government to hasten the Stockholm Socialist convention. This news is contained in a cable the Jewish Daily Forward received from its Petrograd correspon-

The cable follows:
"The Socialist press is protesting vigorously against the stand the government has taken on the Stockholm convention. The paper published by the Workers' Council declares that Kerensky holds the same views in regard to the conference now as he did before. In Gorki's journal, Martov appealed to the provisional Workmen's Council and the masses at large to bring pressure upon the government to make haste in calling the Stockholm gathering.

Counter revolution talk is slowly dying out in Russia, according to the

In response to President Wilson's suggestion that he would like to get in Great Britain are threatening to a list of constitutional violations go on strike. since the beginning of the war, the American Union Against Militarism has compiled such a list and sent it to the White House.

It will be noted that the provisions of the constitution were violated in most instances in order to make it possible to attack the Socialist Par-

ty or its officials and members. Information was presented to the president as follows:

"We present the record of eight indictments for crimes ranging from treason and conspiracy to simple misdemeanor, for the sole offense of criticising the government's war pol-

pathizers who will step into the dock in Abilene, Taylor County, West Texas, Sept. 1, charged with spiring to resist the draft law.

These man are all results. These men are all members of a let entitled: "Long live the Constitution of the United States," which dealt in a lawful way with the constitution of Association of Associa

"In Indianapolis an ordinance has or of circulating any matter which industrial establishments during the

in jail for distributing leaflets which proclaimed martial law.

draft" is a pretext.

Junkers On The Job.

For example, for two years the W. C. U. has been meeting once a week in a certain locality. The officials know this. Acting on the strength of the present upheaval they sur
Junkers On The Job.

The Job interviewed several of the principal defendants this week and they state that the whole case is a frameup put thru by immensely wealthy landowners of the Postmaster General Gregory and Colonel Ed. House type, all of whom are bourbon democratic locality. The officials and the police have acted in gross violation of the law in making arrests for opposition to war policies and agitation for peace. In many cities, as these affidavits show, men and women have been arrested without warrant, their private papers unlocation.

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sued orders forbidding soldiers to in-They further assert that no steps terfere with public meetings, the were taken at the Cisco convention to trouble has not ceased. A public meettrouble has not ceased. A public meeting was broken up by United States party polled 19,000 less votes than in 1914, while the Republicans lost 25,-

they could produce either the cards or It has since been discovered that some evidence of the date of birth and yet without the right to secure counsel or bail.

"In Syracuse, New York, a young man who wrote on his registration blank in the state military census that apart days for grayers to be offered he was opposed to participation in this war was proceeded against by the more the people have prayed Federal District Attorney under the peace, the fiercer the fighting has Espionage act for obstructing the re-

cruiting and enlistment service! "Seventeen issues of various publications have been declared non-mailable by the Post Office Department under the Espionage Act altho the Department of Justice has declined to recognize any of the publications as indictable under the same act.

several of these publications to show cause why their second-class mailing cause of social justice must accompriyileges should not be withdrawn on pany humanitarian and altruistic privileges should not be withdrawn on the ground that "continuity of publication has been broken," knowing full well that the break in continuity own act in suppressing an issue. Denial of second-class privilege would zance only of effects and is utterly mean the total suppression of the papers. It is inconceivable that the post to any real solution of earthly proboffice department will be allowed to lems. proceed to such manifest tyranny un-

It is hoped that the president will carefully study this list of crimes against the constitution.

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The Russian autocracy vanished Big Court Victory Frees like a hideous nightmare before the Attacks On Socialists rising sun of social democracy.

Forty thousand rail road engineers The Socialists of Germany are

again demanding that the government state its war aims. Billy Sunday vouches for John D. Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller vouches for Billy Sunday. The devil

vouches for them both. The unconquerable soul plucks hope from despair, courage from defeat, life from death, and thus makes it-

self immortal.

"Here's wishing The American Socialist success and may you always peat the censor to it", writes one of our boosters in Rochester, Minn.

Earnings of members of the Inter-national Typographical union increased \$4,000,000 in the year ended May 31, according to officers of the union. The class struggle is the struggle of the ages and its final victory will

bring emancipation to the workers and brotherhood to all mankind. If there is any man living who is wise enough to assign just one reason why the telegraph and telephone should be private property we would like to hear from him.

All signs point to a revolution in Spain in the near future. The railroad workers are on strike thruout the land. The miners and metal workers of the north are beginning to follow "One man in New York City was suit. Labor leaders have threatened arrested and sentenced to ninety days a general strike. The government has

Capitalist governments continue to exist solely by the ability of the few to fool the many. The ruling class know this; hence the hysterical activity of its lackeys at the present time in trying to control what the people shall read. These lackays, however, do not see that this very excess of zeal re-"The evidence presented shows that federal district attorneys, United States marshals local research to the people how they are being fooled.

In Porto Rican Elections

(In the New York Evening Post.) SAN JUAN, Porto Rico, U.S.A.-Twenty-five thousand votes for the Socialist party by the new American citizens in the Caribbean in the first election in which they voted caused a greater surprise even than the overwhelming majority by which the island recently voted for prohibition. It was the first time that the Socialist party as such had placed a ticket in the field, and both the Unionist and Senate of the new home-rule Legislature, are thoroly alarmed at the large numbers of voters the Socialists have drawn from their ranks.

The 25,000 votes for the Socialist ticket represent a fairly large proportion of the total of 170,000 votes cast in the election, and are significant when it is considered that the Unionist soldiers in Seattle as recently as 000 votes, as compared with three years ago. In 1914 the Labor party

Praying For Peace

By WILLIS ANDREWS

Prayer is being advocated as a means of bringing about world peace. Since the inception of the present war whole nations have frequently set up as a means to end war. But the peace, the fiercer the fighting has be-

While the desire to bring peace to a war-cursed world is most praiseworthy, the efficacy of prayer as a means to accomplish that end is questionable. True, all great achievements that have enriched the world necessarily were preceded by ideals of better things. But to merely pray for "Furthermore the post office department has summoned the editors of thinking, correct understanding and war to cease is not sufficient. Right the moral courage to espouse the promptings of the heart.

The law of causation applies to war as well as to every other physical of publication was caused solely by its fact. The man who merely wishes or prays for war to cease takes cogni-In the last analysis wars are

simply the outgrowth of antagonisms engendered by the commercial rivalry of nations. And in this respect nations are but the reflex of individuals, and neither should be unqualifi edly condemned. The world has simply outgrown the economic system under which it has progressed and prospered. But the time has come for a re adjustment of industrial relations Capitalism is only a step in the march of civilization, following barbarism and feudalism, but while the system lasts capitalists must necessarily play their part in the scheme of things.

Under a co-operative, or socialist system of industry, when the industries of each country will be owned by the people collectively, the people in each country will receive a reward for their labor equivalent in value to the wealth produced, there by enabling the people to consume the goods produced by themselves. In this manner it will be seen that there would be no surplus of goods over which to scramble for foreign mar kets, and as a consequence no cause for war between nations would ever

But there must be a mighty awakening of people to loftier ideals of human relationship before wars shall

"Not guilty" was the verdict returned against five Socialists in Detroit, Mich., charged with conspiracy as a result of distributing the edition of the Michigan Socialist which opposed the draft and which was declared unmailable by the post office. This sweeping victory, not only for the defendants, but for the whole So-cialist party, was returned after the jury had deliberated 19 hours.

This vindication of the right to circulate literature opposing a law or asking for its repeal came despite frantic efforts on the part of politicians in the district attorney's office to 'distinguish" themselves by securing a conviction.

Incidentally, it is believed the acquittal will prove of the greatest importance in the cases of the editor and the board of directors of the Michigan Socialist who are to be tried within a few days.

Herman Eberly, Max Wagman, Saul Parker, Arnold Fuhrer and Philip Thavis are the men who were cleared of the conspiracy charge. They were defended by Seymour Stedman of Chicago, Joseph Bernstein and Joseph

Miss Jeanette Rankin, congresswoman from Montana, has returned to Butte to investigate labor conditions. Three thousand people, mostly strikng copper miners, greeted her at the

Japan denied passports to Stockholm Socialist conference. Hisomu Kwayama, New York, had been delegated to represent the Japanese Socialists at the international confer-

Senator Ashurst has submitted to the United States Senate a resolution passed by the Chamber of Commerce of Phoenix Ariz., urging Congress to enact an industrial conscription law so that the mine owning capitalists of Arizona and other Western states may work their mines under involuntary servitude.

An attack on the delegation of extraordinary war powers to the president and a demand that congress remain in continuous session to preven the president from using dictatorial powers were given publicity by the Republican Publicity Association, credited to former Senator Jonathan Bourne, Jr., its organizer and moving spirit.

For the fifth time since America commercial enterprises will be perentered the war, 'The People's Press, Philadelphia, Pa., has had an issue held up. The latest action of the post office censor was directed against the issue of August 22. The recent given by the authorities this time for the suppression is that only advertise-Republican parties, the two larger ments are published in the paper. The parties in the island, and whose canparties in the island, and whose candidates will make up the House and umns is not a newspaper.

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SATURDAY, August 25, 1917.

From The Firing Line

"Local Roswell has been reorganized and will go to work in carnest", writes H. F. Jones, New Mexico, and in proof thereof sends in a list of eight subs. J. K. Robinson, Ohio, is one of those fellows who is never satisfied. "I will look for more later," he says, in sending in a list of five this week.

"Please hurry the papers along as they are anxious to get the truth--something they don't get reading the jingo papers," says Wm. McDowell, Colorado, speaking of a couple of new subscribers he had just secured.

"It is not the many week."

"It is up to every true socialist to wake up in this, the greatest opportunity of our time to win the world for Socialism. Nothing affords us a better chance to do our bit in this waking up process than to get new readers for The American Socialist. To show that I will at least make an attempt to practice what I preach. I am enclosing seven six months subs", writes P. R. Fourthman, Indiana.

"Flease find enclosed fifty cents for which send to my address, for six months, your most valuable and inspiring paper, The American Socialist," says Dr. J. S. Charebois, Idaho.

Comrade H. F. Weaver, Ohio, orders a bundle of The American Socialist for sale at a mass neeting planned in his town. While the refreshments were composerved at an entertainment being civen by Local Delta, Colo., a commisse took a copy of The American Socialist and went thru the crowd. Result—a list of ten subs, Comrade Rosa B, Anderson tells all about it in a letter just received.

"I have long been interested in Scalalice."

"I have long been interested in Socialism but never so much as now", confesses Martin C. Miller, Colorado, as he subscribes and hopes that Socialism will soon end all wars.

The Joseph Fels International commission has issued a statement de-claring that President Wilsons' plea or low prices during the war will lose ts effect unless taken to heart by landlords in fixing the price at which persons engaged in industrial and

Bull, an anti-British magazine published in New York City, has been deprived of its second class mailing privilege. L. S. Bedford, the managing editor, declares that "The right of free press is not only the right to print with the rights of thousands

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B IG Headlines daily announce the progress of the great struggle between the coal min the thirteen middle Western states over the possession of the coal mines. Seizure of the mines seemed to have been determined upon by the state councils of defense, headed by Governor Lowden of Illinois, and legal counsel had been taken as to the proper method of procedure, when President Wilson was appealed to by the coal mine owners to prevent seizure.

Governor Lowden sent a burning telegram to the national counsel of defense demanding that they state immediately what they want and why and when. The President replied with a pacific message, stating that the State councils might rest assured that everything that can be done is being done.

Meanwhile the price of coal remains unsettled, and the power of a few private owners of that supreme public necessity, COAL, to block the unanimous and universal will of the people seems to be demonstrated.

The contest is more than an issue over a temporary necessity. Capitalism has shown its ugly head in the conflict over coal more plainly than even in the Great War. President Wilson, War Secretary Baker, Navy Secretary Daniels, and Secretary of the Interior Lane all appeared before the coal production committee on the national council of defense and asked of them, "Do you intend to coin into your own profits the lifeblood of our soldiers and sailors?" and they responded with an unanimous verdict "Sure we do!" The secretary of one of the Illinois companies assured the Governor that the plan of the coal mine owners was to grab all they could get away with in this present necessity.

So brazen is their effrontery that the cry is rising all over the country "Seize the mines!" "Let the Government operate them!"

Now, if this is done, it will—it must—mean that next the railroads must be seized and operated by the government, for coal

'Seize The Coal!" Says Illinois

Seizure and operation by the state is recommended by the Illinois State Council of Defense in language as follows:

"Seizure by the state and operation by it during the period of the war of the coal mines in this state. Illinois is one of the leading coal producing states in the United States.

The safety of the state and of its people overtowers private interests.

"The seizure of the coal mines can be effected without the institution of judicial proceedings, and thus court delays be avoided. The right of the state in cases of this kind has for its foundation the security of sovereignty itself, and the doctrine of eminent domain and the police power support the

"The necessity that confronts a state in the exercise of its sovereign powers, whether for military purpose or for the safety and protection of the people, inherently require that the state shall have the power to take property for public use. The courts have held that where the state undertakes the payment of just compensation it is not necessary that payment should precede the use of the property by the state.

"If the state operates the coal mines during the war, a scale of prices for the coal mine can be established by the state and changed from time to time to meet varying conditions. The existing wage scale can, if conditions require, be increased

"The course here indicated will not violate the state or federal constitution, nor constitute an interference with interstate conference".

It is urged that a council of representatives of neighboring coal producing states be called to take up this matter and ing coal producing states be called to take up this matter and that immediate steps be taken to bring about the passage of a federal law for seizing all the coal mines of the nation.

Wipe Out Profits--Power To President

Power to wipe out all profits in the production and distribution of the necessities of life is given to President Wilson by the one-man food control bill just adopted by congress. Some of its provisions are as follows:

Gives the president control over foods, feeds, fuel (including fuel oil and natural gas), fertilizer ingredients, farm machinery

Authorizes and empowers the president thru the federal trade commission to control, take over and operate coal mines and coke plants and to fix the price.

Prevents members of the advisory commission (mostly war profiteers) of the Council of National Defense from participating in government contracts.

Punishes hoarding and destruction of foodstuffs and

Allows the president to close grain exchanges, boards of trade, etc., in order to prevent speculation.

Authorizes the president to buy, store and sell wheat, flour, meat, beans and potatoes. Allows him to take over factories, packing houses, pipe

lines, mines or other plants and operate them With power already placed in the hands of the president. this enables him to take from private control every industry of any consequence in the nation. This will be done, however, only if the demand for it from the great mass of the people becomes loud enough to compel this action.

depends on the railroads. And with these two great industries in the hands of the government, the lesson will have been set and learned; that the only cure for the evils of capitalistic greed is socialistic common ownership.

At any cost, this first step toward Socialism must be averted, is the panic stricken fear in the hearts of the National Council of Defense. Anything that can be done to avert Socialism will be done. Anything and everything short of collective ownership of the coal mines will be proposed—and probably put thru—to solve the present coal muddle.

But the sullen anger of the people, stirred by the attitude of the coal mine owners, is kindled to fresh wrath at the attitude of the national government. Governor Lowden sees what is coming, and is man enough to try and break the quickest way

Lowden represents the big manufacturing interests, which are the most vociferous sufferers from the high price of coal. In this division of interest between two despoilers of the people, the people are about to get their innings. Seizure of the coal mines and their operation without profit, if done by the existing government, will be the first lesson in Socialism. If it is denied by the existing government, it will be the strongest possible argument in favor of Socialism.

The greed of the coal corporations and of the U.S. Steel corporation are the most impressive lessons the country has ever received of the true meaning of Capitalism. Figures published by The New Republic show the reason for the "great unrest" in terse and compact form.

In 1913 the U.S. Steel corporation made a clear profit of 81 million dollars. With this it paid 7 per cent dividends on its preferred stock, 5 per cent on its common stock (all of which common stock is clear water and represents nothing but robbery) and had in addition 30 million dollars as surplus. This was a fairly profitable year.

In 1916, the profits of the corporation were \$271,000,000 During three months of 1917—the months just preceding our entry into the war—their profits were \$181,000,000. This would mean that profits for the whole year if kept up at that rate, would be at least \$724,000,000 and will without doubt go as high as one billion dollars—clear profit to be divided among the stockholders.

The basis of these huge profits were, of course, the raise in the prices of billets and plates. In 1913 steel billets sold for \$26.50 per ton; steel plates, \$33.60. Billets are the half way stage of the production of steel, and plates are the concluding stage as far as the manufacture is concerned.

In 1916 the price of steel billets was \$42 per ton, and of steel plates \$73.00 per ton—an increase of nearly 100 per cent on each.

In 1917 the price of steel billets is \$100 per ton, and the price of steel plates \$200 per ton.

Of course this tremendous increase is explained away by steel corporation officials by pointing to the great increases in wages they have been giving their workers. A ten per cent increase, then another ten per cent increase, then a seven per cent increase in the wages of labor—this, they say, requires additional profits.

Well, let us compare.

Between 1913 and 1917 the wages of workers in the steel corporation was raised on the average from \$1 to \$1.27. Twentyseven per cent increase in the wages of labor—SIX HUNDRED PER CENT INCREASE IN THE INCOME OF CAPITAL!

Coal and steel are the absolutely essential requirements of every stage of the modern system of production. Every grain of food eaten requires the use of steel at every stage in its manufacture. The ground must be plowed-with steel plows; the grain planted—with steel drills. Harvested—with steel machinery. hauled to the mill—with steel trains; ground with steel; mixed and baked in steel machinery and ranges; and finally cut with a steel knife.

Animals must be shipped, slaughtered, dressed, cut and cooked—all with the use of steel.

Every square inch of clothes one wears must be raised and spun and woven, dyed, cut and sewed with the use of steel.

Every shingle on the roof of a house is kept there with a steel nail; every plank in walls and floor; every joist, mantel, table and chair, must all be prepared with the use of steel.

Food, clothing and shelter depend absolutely for their production on steel. And when the price of steel goes up, the price of everything goes up in a multiplied proportion.

There is no question in the minds of any American citizens with any grade or degree of intelligence that the high prices of

steel and coal are due to greed and not necessity. They are waiting with more or less patience for the necessary remedy to be taken by the existing government. But the necessary steps are not taken by this government, dilly-dallying is adopted; the food controller devotes himself to petty economies instead of striking at the fundamental roots of the matter.

Steel and coal lie at the basis of the whole system of production in time of peace and of conflict in time of war.

Steel and coal are in the hands of a few thieves who have shown their thievery plainly in the face of all men.

Seizure of the coal mines and steel mills, and therefore of the railroads which connect them, is the only possible solution of the problem. If the government does not do this—and it looks as though it will not—then the next government will. For the next government is going to be a Socialist one.

THE RED EXPRESS

DEAR COMRADES:—The Postmaster General has withdrawn from THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST the privilege of the second-class mailing rates, which is practically equivalent to suppressing the paper. We therefore face the necessity of organizing our own system of distribution. We have worked out a plan called THE RED EXPRESS, and we ask-and urge-your immediate, hearty, and continued cooperation with us: otherwise your national paper is in grave danger of losing its life.

Will you summon together IMMEDIATELY all the members of your local, at a SPECIAL MEETING, unless your regular meeting occurs within a few days after receipt of this appeal, and lay our plan before them? Unless you act at once, and can stir up the members of your local also to act at once, we might as well quit trying. Unless we can depend upon YOUR loyalty and YOUR earnestness at this time, we are indeed in evil case.

This is our plan:

- 1. Organize a Station of THE RED EXPRESS in your local, designating some one member as Station Agent., Papers for all the subscribers to The American Socialist in your city will be sent to him each week by express.
- 2. Establish a Station at Socialist Headquarters or at the home, office or store of some comrade who is centrally located.
- 3. Enlist as many volunteer workers as possible, who will agree to distribute the papers to the proper addresses, not for one week or two but, UNTIL THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST RE-GAINS ITS MAILING PRIVILEGES.
- 4. Have the Station Agent, with the advice and co-operation of the distributors, divide the subscribers according to wards, precincts, streets or neighborhoods and assign each distributor to the territory which he can most conveniently cover. Whereever possible the same comrade should cover the same territory
- 5. In communities where the subscribers are widely scattered, on rural routes, etc., it will be possible, in many instances, with the assistance of comrades or sympathizers in the ocuntry, to deliver the papers as easily and as regularly as in the cities. Where this is impossible the Station should be managed and located so that rural subscribers could call and get their papers whenever they happened to be in town.
- 6. Whenever a local has a live and efficient literature agent, he should also be the Station Agent. Wherever there is already an organization for the distribution of literature, that organization should be used for the distribution of THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. You should not needlessly multiply offices or duplicate work and efforts.

The same workers and organization which delivers the AMERICAN SOCIALISTS should also handle such leaflets. advertising, or other matter as the local may have for distribution.

7. This is a test of our ability to do constructive. original work. WE SHOULD GLORY IN THIS CHANCE TO PROVE OUR POWERS OF CO-OPERATION. The people are more eager than ever before for THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST. Join THE RED EXPRESS; organize a Station; begin the work of distribution right away!

Fill This Out And Send To

Fraternally yours, THE AMERICAN SOCIALIST.

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